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original condition. For mending, it had the advantage over most cements that no time was lost in allowing certain parts to dry, which had been united, before others could be added.

Dr. Hays announced the death of Prof. John K. Mitchell, M. D., late a member of the Academy.

April 13th.

Mr. JEANES in the Chair.

Fifty-one members present.

A letter was read from Henry Hartshorne, M. D., Recorder of the Biological Department of the Academy, announcing its organization, and the selection of the first and third Mondays of each month as the time of meeting.

Dr. Leidy called the attention of the members to a drawing of a curious worm, which he said was obtained from the Schuylkill river, and was interesting from its being more nearly allied to marine forms than any other known fresh water species. It lives in tubes of mud; and is about a line in length. The body is divided into twelve annuli, including the head, which is cup-shaped, has two eyes, and supports on each side a process provided with seventeen cylindrical ciliated arms. The rings, except the head, are provided with four rows of bristles and two rows of podal hooks. The bristles are from four to six in a bunch; those anteriorly having a falcate extremity, and those posteriorly being whip-like. The anterior hooks are in series of five; and have a long handle with a lancet-like extremity. The posterior hooks are from fifteen to twenty in a series, and have a long handle with the extremity expanded and serrated on one side. It appears to be most nearly allied to the marine genus *Fabricia*. He proposed for it the name *Manayunkia speciosa*, from the Indian name of the river in which it was first discovered.

April 20th.

Vice-President BRIDGES in the Chair.

Thirty-six members present.

The following papers were presented for publication in the Proceedings:

Prodromus Descriptionis Animalium evertibratorum, &c., observavit et descripsit W. Stimpson, Pars. V. Crustacea Oeypodoidea.

Contributions to Helminthology, by Joseph Leidy, M. D.

And were referred to Committees.

Mr. Lea remarked that when, a few evenings since, Dr. Leidy made some observations on a few fossil Saurian and Batrachian bones, from the Red Sandstone of Gwynedd, 20 miles north of Philadelphia, and which were collected and presented by him and some other members, some observations were made by Mr. Lea on the epoch of that mass of red and gray sandstone rocks and blackslates. This formation is now assuming greater importance, and the interest in it has recently much increased by discoveries made by Major Hawn in Kansas Territory; descriptions of the fossil species, chiefly Mollusca, have been made by Messrs. Meek and Hayden and Prof. Swallow. No bones or foot prints have been observed by Major Hawn, but all the specimens of *Mollusca*, &c., indicate without any doubt their belonging to some portion of the *Permian Formation*.

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